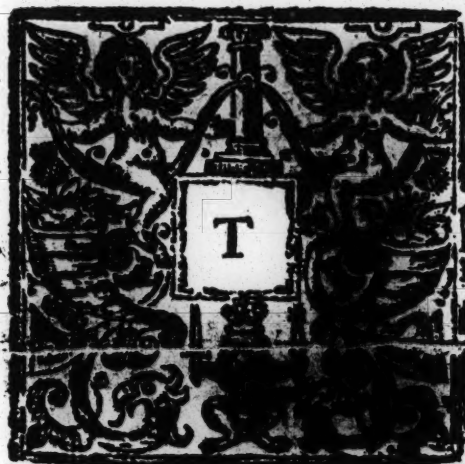


A P R O C L A M A T I O N

For Re-calling and Prohibiting Sea-men from the Services of forreign Princes and States.

At Edinburgh, the seventh day of June, one thousand six hundred and sixty four.



The Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, having received a Letter from the Kings Majesty, dated at Whitehall the second day of June instant, commanding a Proclamation to be issued in His Majesties name; bearing, That the Kings most Excellent Majesty hath been advertised, That great numbers of Mariners and other Sea-faring men, His Majesties natural born Subjects of this His ancient Kingdom of Scotland, have betaken themselves to the Services of forreign Princes and States, to the great disservice of His Majesty and their native Country; and whereby His Majesty and His Realms are unfurnished of men of their sort and calling, if there shall be cause to use them. For redress whereof at present, and preventing the like for the future, the Kings most Excellent Majesty, doth will and streightly Charge and Command, all and singular Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Sea-men, Ship-wrights, and other Sea-faring men whatsoever and wheresoever, being His Majesties natural Subjects of this His Kingdom of Scotland, who are in the Service of any forreign Prince or State, or do service in any forreign Ships or Vessels, That forthwith they do withdraw themselves, and depart from such forreign Services, and return home to their native Country and lawfull Locations, or to some of His Majesties Dominions.

And further, His Majesty doth prohibit and forbid all and singular Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Sea-men, Ship-wrights, and other Sea-faring men whatsoever, being His Majesties natural born Subjects of this His Kingdom of Scotland, from entering themselves; and doth hereby streightly Charge and Command them, and every one of them, from henceforth to forbear to enter themselves into pay, or otherwise to betake themselves to the Service of forreign Princes or States, or to serve in any forreign Ship, or Ship, other then the Ships and Vessels belonging to His Majesties Dominions, without Licence and obtained in that behalf. To all which His Majesty doth, and will, exact due obedience and conformity: And doth publish and declare, That the offenders to the contrary, shall not only incur His Majesties just displeasure, but be proceeded against for their contempt, according to the utmost severities of Law.

Therefore, they have ordained, and by these presents ordains Masters or Messengers at Armes, as Sheriffs in that part, in His Majesties Name and Authority, to make publick intimation hereof at the Mercat-crooks of Edinburgh, Veer and Shoar of Leith, and at the Mercat-crooks of all Royal Burroughs where there are any Sea ports, that all persons therein concerned may give due and speedy obedience to this His Majesties Royal Commands, as they will answer upon their outmost perils. And ordains these presents to be printed, that none pretend ignorance.

Pet. Wedderburne, Cl. Sⁱ Concilii.

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